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Mr. Harvey H. Havenor

Dear Mr. Havenor:

Thank you for your letter of December 3 in
reply to mine of December 1, 1960

I thought you might be interested in perusing
the attached copy of the National Security Act of
1947 which reflects that the National Security
Council is presided over by the President and is
responsive to his direction.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Executive Officer

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Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear

I wish to thank you for your reply to my letter of the 20th, in your of the 1st.

I find that your letter is of the usual type addressed to the citizenry during the Eisenhower Administration. It is exemplary for the fact that it says nothing, and yet through this very fact it says much. It is apparent that you consider the National Security Council greater than the President of the United States !

I did not ask Mr. Dulles to reveal any secret that could by the farthest stretch of the imagination help our enemies, or hurt our nation. I merely asked for a yes or know as to whether your Agency had informed the President as to the course of coming events in the Carribbean, Africa, Japan, and the action of the Soviets at the Summit Conference.

As all of these events are now in the past, I fail to see any reason for the reluctance of your agency to answer a plain yes, or no. I hope that in the Administration now coming to power the people shall see an end put to much of the unnecessary secrecy in various branches of the Government.

Every school child knows of the necessity for espionage, and knows that all Governments pursue this science. Where the Eisenhower Administration went wrong was in assuming that the people of the nation had no right to even the most innocent information as to the doings of the Government. Thank God that January will see an end to this Administration.

My only wish in having my question answered was so that I could fully realize where the blame for recent events lay. I have no intention of notifying Krushchev, Mao, or even Castro as to your reply. Cloak and Dagger politics may have their place, but they do not make for a well informed and interested citizenry. The coming battles will not be won by CIA alone, but by the unity of the entire people of the United States.

Sincerely,

Harvey H. Hevenor